

TOWN/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 30, 2009

Members present: Leslie Arriola, Leigh Dunlap, Yuri Friman, Jeffery Krauth, Tony Maroulis, Barry Roberts

Members absent: Jeffery Blaustein, Michael Jacques, Mark Parent, Nina Wishengrad

Others present: Stephanie O'Keeffe, Select Board; Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director

The meeting came to order at 6:06 p.m. in the first Floor Meeting Room , Amherst Town Hall.

Soon after the beginning of the meeting, Ms. O'Keeffe had to leave.

Observers' Reports - Mr. Maroulis gave an extended report on a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that he had attended the previous meeting, noting that the different panels hearing various applications had behaved differently. While most ZBA members were respectful of applicants, one another, the public and others, some were not. Generally, the meetings were conducted well and board members seemed aware of the appearance of their actions and the impact of those actions on others, but some improvements could definitely be made. He said that there needed to be a code of conduct for Town permitting board members, perhaps as part of their training.

Town Meeting Warrant – Mr. Tucker reviewed the warrant through Article 20. After discussion and questions, Mr. Maroulis MOVED: That the TCRC support the zoning amendment articles, 6, 7, and 8. Ms. Dunlap seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Next Meeting – The next TCRC meeting was set for Thursday, May 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director